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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Salt Lake City Corporation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

I am writing in support of Salt Lake City Corporation's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) transportation discretionary grant for 300 West: Building a Complete, Safe, and Smart Street. The proposed project will further catalyze the economic growth and high density residential development coming to the 300 West corridor and increase connectivity to transit and the city's active transportation network.

Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) owns and maintains the 300 West roadway north of 400 South, as well as intersections at 500 South and 600 South. In addition, the project area is critical to the transportation infrastructure for vehicle and heavy freight travel onto and off of Interstate 15 and connecting to Interstate 80 and Utah State Route 201. Therefore, UDOT has a vested interest in the city's efforts to address the safety concerns, poor pavement conditions, and current street configuration that are limiting access to businesses, contributing to traffic congestion, and delaying transport of goods and movement of people.

In the event that this project is selected, UDOT will provide administrative and fiscal oversight in delivering the project as part of its normal role in overseeing federally funded, local government projects. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with U.S. Department of Transportation and Salt Lake City to deliver a signature transportation investment to the Wasatch Front.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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